Central Directions on completion of irrigation projects

281. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have given any direction to the State Governments with regard to speedy completion of on-going major national irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and <b) A major objective in the irrigation sector during the Seventh Plan is to give priority to the completion of unfinished irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage and are capable of yielding benefits in the Seventh Plan, and accordingly the State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps. The National Conference of Irrigation and Water Resources Ministers held in July, 1986 recommended that Review Committees should be set-up in each State under the Chairmanship of the Chief Ministers to draw up priorities for the optimal allocation of limited resources among the various Projects. Further, the National Water Policy recommends that under-funding of projects should be obviated by an optimum allocation of resources, having regard, among others, to early completion of ongoing projects.

उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद

232. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय किन-किन राज्यों के उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तथा यह पद कब से रिक्त पड़े हैं, और

(ख) इन रिक्त पदों को भरे जाने में क्या-क्या कठिनाइयां हैं तथा इन पदों के कब तक भरे जाने की संभावना है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) । (क) तारीख 26-7-88 को निम्नलिखित तीन उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति के पद नीचे तारीखों से रिक्त हैं :—

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(ख) उच्च न्यायालयों के मुख्य न्यायमूर्तियों की नियुक्ति के मामले में सम्बद्ध सांविधानिक प्राधिकारियों से परामर्श किया जाता है । अतः इन पदों को भरे जाने के लिए कोई निश्चित समय बताना संभव नहीं है ।

Losses in Defence stores

283. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that losses in Defence Stores have registered a steep rise during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the yearwise breakup of these losses; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to reduce these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (Rs. in thousands)

Year	Total Amount of Stores losses due *to* theft etc.	Losses due to Aviation items	Other items. of losses
1984-85	7,17,70	6,09,66	1,08,04
1985-86	10,19,24	9,78,95	40,29
1986-87	15,09,08	13,71,46	1,37,62

(c) A series of steps have been taken by the Government to check the increasing trend in the quantum of such losses in Air Force, *inter-alia* these are:—

(i) Patrolling by DSC has been intensified and additional guard posts have been created in vulnerable areas;

(ii) Movement of store items is being closely monitored and compliance with the prescribed procedure is being strictly enforced;

(iii) With a view to contain losses, recourse has been taken to continued training through 'On the job training', one day training in a week, briefing about natural hazards, posting of ex perienced supervisors, enforcement of correct technical practices and close vi gilance and rigorous checks on the prof essionalism of pilots. Detailed inst ructions have also been issued to prevent othe, losses. Vigilance checks are car ried out in addition to periodic stock laking. All losses due to theft, fraud and neglect are investig|ated by Courts of Inquiry to ascertain the cause and pin point responsibility.

Evaluation of Indo-Sri Lanka accord

284. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evaluated the working of the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord and come to any conclusion of its success; and

(b) what are the clauses of the said Accord that have so far been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement is under constant review in consultation between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka.

(b) A number of steps have been taken in the implementation of the Agreement. As envisaged in the Agreement, the Sri Lanka Government have withdrawn their forces to pre-May 25, 1987, positions. Most of the Home Guards have been disarmed and the S.T.F withdrawn from the Eastern Province. The Sri Lanka Government has declared amnesty for Militants who lay down arms and support the Agreement. Over 3,000 Tamil political prisoners have been released. The return of Tamil refugees from India and the process of resettlement of displaced persons is going on. The Sri Lanka Government have amended their constitution and have passed legislation to set up the Provincial councils. Sri Lanka Government have reaffirmed that the Northern and the Eastern Provinces will be merged from the date of elections in these provences as envisaged under the Agreement. Tamil has beeen made an official language.